और अब इसके 31.12.1998 तक पूरा किए जाने का लक्ष्य है। सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट के उपलब्ध हो जाने पर परियोजना पर आगे विचार करना संभव होगा।

Misuse of free railway passes issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and freedom fighters

4277. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to staste:

(a) whether a scandal involving misuse of free passes issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and to freedom fighters has come to the notice of Government recently as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 29th June, 1998;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any foolproof strategy to check the misuse of free railway passes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the new system would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMNTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) A few instances of misuse of free Railway passes have come to notice.

(b) to (d) Identity Card-cum Railway Passes are issued to the Members of Parliament and their spouses with the photograph of the concerned Member of Parliament/Spouse affixed on the Identity Cards. Similarly, the Railway Card Passes issued to Freedom Fighters with one year's validity at a time, are affixed with their latest photograph. Regular checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance departments against misuse of Passes. Ticket Checking staff have been intstructed to check Identity Card-cum travelling authorities of Members of Parliamament/Members of Legislative Assemblies, etc, in a polite and courteous manner which should be sufficient to detect such misuses, if any.

Foreign investment to develop railways real estate

4278. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are working out a methodology for attracting foreign funds to develop its real estate:

(b) if so, the areas or real estate development for which foreign investment will be sought for;

(c) the total funds from foreign investors expected;

(d) whether any attempt has been made to find investors in the country; and

(e) if so, the details of such investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIMENETARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

कोंकण रेलवे की पैसेंजर रेलगाड़ियों में शौचालय की व्यवस्था न होना

4279. **श्री राज बब्बर:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिवा से चिपलुन और कारवार से रत्नागिरी जाने वाली कोंकण रेलवे की पैसेंजर रेलगाड़ियों में शौचालय की व्यवस्था नहीं है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इन रेलगाड़ियों में शौचालय की व्यवस्था करेगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक) (क) जी हां।